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Freedom of Information Request

Environmental Protection Agency

Via USPS:

National Freedom of Information Officer

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)

Washington, DC 20460

This is a request for records under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

REQUESTER INFORMATION

This request is submitted on behalf of Ryan Noah Shapiro and Property of the People.¹

RECORDS SOUGHT

The records sought are:

The resumes and position descriptions² for the following EPA staff:

1. Molly Block
2. Hayley Ford
3. Derrick A. Bolen
4. Layne R. Bangerter
5. Michael Abboud
6. Dennis Forsgren
7. Lincoln Ross Ferguson
8. Susan Bodine
9. Brittany Bolen
10. Nancy Beck
11. Erik Baptist
12. Elizabeth Bowman
13. Katherine Cory

¹ Property of the People is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to governmental transparency in the service of democracy.

² <https://www.opm.gov/FAQs/QA.aspx?fid=d2dc8952-41ec-434a-ac7e-bcb6ee8206ba&pid=c9df01f3-8580-4f87-88a4-3e26125f1205>

14. Patrick J. Davis
15. Nicholas Falvo
16. Alexander Dominguez
17. Samantha Dravis
18. Veronica Darwin
19. Robert Frye
20. Sarah A. Greenwalt
21. John Peter Freire
22. Forrest McMurray
23. David Harlow
24. Dawn Michelle Hale
25. James Hewitt
26. Justin Schwab Jr.
27. Milan Hupp
28. Austin Henderson
29. William Lovell
30. Troy Lyons
31. Jeffrey Sands
32. Aaron Ringel
33. Christian Palich
34. Christian Rodrick
35. George Y. Sugiyama
36. Kaitlyn Shimmin
37. Kenneth Wagner
38. Jahan Wilcox
39. Scott Pruitt
40. Cathy L. Stepp
41. Cosmo Servidio
42. Douglas Benevento
43. Peter Denton Lopez
44. Kelly Kunder
45. Christopher Hladick
46. James B. Gulliford
47. Alexandra Dunn
48. Kelsi Daniell
49. Marcella Burke
50. William L. Wehrum
51. William McIntosh
52. Catherine Hanson
53. Onis Glenn
54. Peter C. Wright
55. Daisy Letendre
56. Erin Chancellor

57. David W. Kreutzer
58. Henry Darwin
59. Kevin Chmielewski
60. Andrew Wheeler
61. Patrick Traylor
62. David Fotouhi
63. Ryan Jackson
64. Amanda Gunasekara
65. Albert Kelly
66. Madeline Morris
67. John A. Konkus
68. Charles D. Munoz
69. Matthew Z. Leopold
70. Michael Dourson
71. Douglas Ericksen
72. Byron R. Brown
73. Elizabeth Bennett
74. Amy Graham
75. Yujiro "Richard" Yamada
76. David Ross
77. Donald M. Benton
78. David W. Schnare
79. Holly W. Greaves
80. Sydney Morgan Hupp

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The above-named individuals correspond to the following positions within the EPA, respectively:

1. Press Secretary
2. Deputy White House Liaison
3. Special Assistant, Office of the Administrator
4. Senior Advisor
5. Special Assistant for the Office of Public Affairs
6. Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water
7. Speechwriter
8. Senior Advisor to the Administrator
9. Senior Deputy Associate Administrator for Policy
10. Deputy Assistant Administrator for Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
11. Senior Deputy General Counsel
12. Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

13. Special Assistant to the Senior Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations
14. Senior Advisor
15. Special Assistant to the Senior Advisor
16. Policy Analyst to the Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Air and Radiation
17. Associate Administrator for Policy
18. Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Land and Emergency Management
19. Special Assistant to the Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs
20. Senior Advisor to the Administrator
21. Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
22. Special Assistant for Scheduling and Advance
23. Senior Counsel to the Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation
24. Executive Assistant to the Administrator
25. Special Advisor for Public Affairs
26. Senior Advisor, Office of the Administrator
27. Deputy Director for Scheduling and Advance
28. Special Assistant for Scheduling and Advance
29. Policy Assistant
30. Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
31. Senior Agricultural Advisor
32. Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
33. Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Relations
34. Special Assistant to the Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
35. Senior Advisor
36. Special Assistant to the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
37. Senior Advisor for Regional and State Affairs
38. Strategic Communications Advisor
39. Administrator
40. Deputy Regional Administrator
41. Regional Administrator
42. Regional Administrator
43. Regional Administrator
44. Deputy Director for Scheduling and Advance
45. Regional Administrator
46. Regional Administrator
47. Regional Administrator
48. Press Secretary

49. Deputy General Counsel
50. Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation
51. Regional Administrator
52. Special Advisor For Budgets And Audits
53. Regional Administrator
54. Assistant Administrator (Office of Solid Waste)
55. Senior Advisor for Policy and Strategic Communication
56. Senior Counsel to the Assistant Administrator for Land and Emergency Management
57. Senior Advisor
58. Assistant Deputy Administrator
59. Director of Scheduling and Advance
60. Deputy Administrator
61. Deputy Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
62. Deputy General Counsel
63. Chief of Staff
64. Senior Policy Advisor to the Administrator on Air and Radiation
65. Senior Advisor to the Administrator
66. Executive Scheduler for the Office of the Administrator
67. Senior Advisor, Office of the Administrator
68. White House Liaison
69. General Counsel
70. Assistant Administrator for Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
71. Senior Advisor
72. Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy
73. Senior Advisor for OCIR
74. Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Engagement
75. Deputy Assistant Administrator for Research and Development
76. Assistant Administrator for Water
77. Senior White House Advisor
78. Senior Advisor
79. Senior Advisor, Office of the Administrator
80. Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff

FORMAT

The requesters ask that any releases stemming from this request be provided in digital format (soft-copy) via email or on a compact disc or other like media.

REQUEST TO BE CLASSIFIED AS AN EDUCATIONAL REQUESTOR

Requestor Ryan Noah Shapiro requests classification as an educational requestor for FOIA fee category purposes.

Shapiro is an ABD doctoral candidate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Shapiro is in the PhD program in History, Anthropology, and Science, Technology, & Society (HASTS) in MIT's Department of Science, Technology, & Society (STS).³ Shapiro is a former research affiliate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University.⁴

Shapiro is a historian of national security, the policing of dissent, and governmental transparency. The disclosures sought in the instant request are sought pursuant of this end.

REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN NEWS MEDIA FEE CATEGORY

Requestors Shapiro and Property of the People request classification as representatives of the news media for FOIA fee category purposes.

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Shapiro is an historian of national security, the policing of dissent, and governmental transparency.

Shapiro is President of Property of the People, a newly-founded governmental transparency research, analysis, and information dissemination organization.⁵

Among other things, Shapiro's work has exposed improper collusion between a major agricultural lobby and a U.S. government agency entity⁶; sparked a federal investigation of this improper collusion, resulting in the disgraced resignation of the president of the

³ <http://web.mit.edu/hasts/graduate/shapiro.html>

⁴ Shapiro is a former research affiliate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University for 2016-2017.

https://cyber.law.harvard.edu/newsroom/2016_2017_community

⁵ Building upon Shapiro's extensive track record of national security, transparency, and state repression-oriented research, analysis, and information dissemination, Property of the People (PropOTP) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to governmental transparency in the service of democracy. PropOTP's motto, taken from Shapiro's commentary, is, "The records of government are the property of the people. It's time for us to reclaim them." PropOTP's most publicized efforts to date have been under the umbrella of the organization's Trump-oriented project, "Operation 45." PropOTP's Operation 45 is dedicated to ensuring transparency and accountability for the Trump/Pence administration. For more on PropOTP's Operation 45, see: <http://www.salon.com/2016/11/27/foia-superhero-launches-campaign-to-make-donald-trumps-administration-transparent/>; <https://www.thenation.com/article/your-guide-to-the-sprawling-new-anti-trump-resistance-movement/>; <http://www.politico.com/story/2016/12/democrats-trump-resistance-conservative-playbook-232687>; <https://operationfortyfive.org>.

⁶ <http://bigstory.ap.org/article/a0a7a3fb1f6449f992f2410c577d919b/apnewsbreak-egg-group-scrambled-over-eggless-mayo-maker>; <http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/sep/02/usda-american-egg-board-hampton-creek-just-mayo>

agency entity⁷; and sparked the introduction of bipartisan legislation to curb future similar abuses by government and industry.⁸ Shapiro's work has also exposed the FBI's unprecedented utilization of classified remote-installation malware to circumvent animal rights activists encryption in 2003, as well as the DOJ's subsequent failure to inform Congress of such utilization as mandated by Congress.⁹ Shapiro's work has also exposed the FBI's policy of instructing FBI agents to withhold surveillance technical details from prosecutors and defendants alike.¹⁰ Shapiro's work has also exposed FBI consideration of federal terrorism charges against animal protectionists who expose horrific conditions on factory farms.¹¹ Shapiro's work has also exposed FBI targeting of Nelson Mandela and the anti-Apartheid movement as a Communist plot imperiling U.S. national security. This included but was not limited to FBI placement of a confidential informant within Nelson Mandela's inner circle in order to provide political information to the FBI on Mandela and his anti-apartheid associates while the FBI was tasked with protecting Mandela upon Mandela's post-prison tour of the United States in 1990.¹²

Shapiro's research and analysis on issues at the intersections of national security, the policing of dissent, and transparency, as well as pertaining to the Trump presidency and administration, are regularly featured in national and international media outlets. Media outlets that have covered Shapiro's work include but are not limited to:

The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, CNN, U.S. News & World Report, The Associated Press, Agence France-Presse, Politico, Business Insider, The International Business Times, The Atlantic, The Guardian, ABC News, CBS News, NPR, PBS, BBC World Service, The Nation, Mother Jones, Democracy Now!, The Hill, McClatchy DC, New Republic, National Journal, Columbia Journalism Review, Legal Times, PolicyMic, Government Executive, Inc., Wired, Fortune, Fox News, Fox Nation, The American Conservative, The Daily Caller, Breitbart News, Reason, New York Daily News, The Chicago Tribune, The Boston Globe, MSN News, Salon, Slate, The Daily Beast, Quartz, Vice News, Huffington Post, HuffPost Live, Yahoo News, Christian Science Monitor, Boston Business Journal, AOL News, The San Francisco Chronicle, The Houston Chronicle, The Minneapolis Star Tribune, The Independent, The Mirror, The Daily Mail, Black Entertainment Television (BET), The Boston Metro, The San Francisco Business Times, The Silicon Valley Business Journal, The Afro-American, Raw Story, The Chicago Defender, The NorthStar News & Analysis, The Atlanta Black Star, The Hollywood Reporter, NYC Today, The Mail & Guardian, Courthouse News, Japan Times, EatDrinkPolitics, Univision, HispanTV, Al Jazeera America, Grist, Ecorazzi, Green Is the New Red, PC World, PC Mag, Computer World, SearchSecurity, IntelNews, Komando.com, VegNews, Truth-Out,

⁷ <http://bigstory.ap.org/article/c7813b5fe68745d2a40c1d078c1542f5/egg-industry-group-ceo-steps-down-after-vegan-mayo-scrumble>

⁸ <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2016/jul/14/usda-reform-bill-agriculture-beef-eggs>

⁹ http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/14/technology/fbi-tried-to-defeat-encryption-10-years-ago-files-show.html?smid=tw-nytimes&smtyp=cur&_r=0

¹⁰ <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2016/04/20/fbi-memos-surveillance-secrecy/83280968/>

¹¹ https://ccrjustice.org/files/11.12.29_Greenscare_VideotapersTerrorists_LATimes.pdf

¹² <http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2014/5/28/fbi-spied-mandeladocuments.html>;
<http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2014/07/10/the-fbi-spied-on-nelson-mandela-in-1990-as-communist-threat>.

FireDogLake, ShadowProof, Alternet, The Verge, Consumerist, Boing Boing, Techdirt, Tickle The Wire, The Public Record, and the Freedom of the Press Foundation.

Shapiro has presented invited scholarly and popular lectures on topics at the intersections of national security, the policing of dissent, and transparency at numerous leading institutions and venues. These include but are not limited to:

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, Stanford University, the New York City Bar Association, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (Berlin, Germany), Université catholique de l'Ouest (Angers, France), the University of California, Santa Barbara, The College of William & Mary, Boston University, American University (Washington, DC), The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art (New York City), the National Press Club (Washington, DC), the conference of the National Lawyers Guild, the History of Science Society, the American Anthropological Association, the Society for the Social History of Medicine, the Conference on Policy History, the American Society for Environmental History, DEFCON, Boston University, University College Cork (Cork, Ireland), Suffolk University Law School, the City University of New York Law School, The Base community center in Brooklyn, NY, and Burning Books bookstore (Buffalo, NY).

Shapiro's research and analysis have also been featured in television and film documentaries. For one example among others, in February 2016, a documentary centrally featuring Shapiro's FOIA research and analysis aired on the cable channel Pivot. The documentary is titled "Activists or Terrorists" and was directed by award-winning filmmaker Brian Knappenberger and narrated by Academy Award nominated actress Maggie Gyllenhaal. This documentary constitutes episode five of Knappenberger's acclaimed documentary series "Truth and Power." *The New York Times* included the documentary episode "Activists or Terrorists" in its influential "What to Watch" list.¹³ "Activists or Terrorists" is now available for viewing on iTunes and Amazon.com. Further, Shapiro is currently working with multiple additional television and film documentaries currently in productions that will feature our work.

Shapiro is a representative of several news outlets. Shapiro is a researcher, analyst, and reporter for GreenIsTheNewRed.com (GNR). Shapiro is a representative of Verso Books. Shapiro is a representative of Sparrow Media. Shapiro is a reporter/contributor for *The Public Record*. Shapiro is also President of Property of the People, a newly-founded governmental transparency research, analysis, and information dissemination organization.

REQUEST FOR A COMPLETE WAIVER OF FEES

Requestors are willing to pay any reasonable expenses associated with this request, however, as the purpose of the requested disclosure is in full conformity with the statutory requirements for a waiver of fees, a full fee waiver should be granted.

The disclosure of responsive records is likely to contribute to an understanding of government operations and activities because the disclosable portions of the requested records will be meaningfully informative about those operations and activities. The vast majority of disclosable information is not already in the public domain, in either a

¹³ <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/19/arts/television/what-to-watch-friday.html>

duplicative or a substantially identical form, and therefore the disclosure would add substantial new information to the public's understanding of the EPA and the requested records.

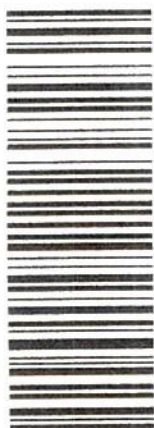
The requesters firmly intend to analyze the requested records in order to facilitate significant expansion of public understanding of government operations. The audiences likely to be interested in the subject are broad, and include historians of modern American government, politics, culture, and national security; journalists reporting on American politics, government, national security, and society; civil liberties attorneys; advocacy and watchdog organizations, the U.S. congress, and the broader public.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this request. Thank you. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

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